

Society for the History of Astronomy



SHA Spring Conference 2018

Saturday 21 April

Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge University,
Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0HA

Time	Speaker	Subject	Note
09.30 to 10.00		REGISTRATION	Refreshments will be available in the lecture theatre
10.00	David Sellers. Vice-Chairman. SHA	Welcome to Cambridge	
10.15 to 11.15	Carolyn Kennett and Brian Sheen	<i>Ancient Skies and the Megaliths of Cornwall</i>	Archaeoastronomy in Cornwall - Past and present
11.15 to 12.15	Kevin Kilburn	<i>Forgotten Star Atlas</i>	The 18thC unpublished Uranographia Britannica by Dr John Bevis
12.15 to 13.30	Rob Peeling	LUNCH BREAK Informal Talk at 12.45-see note below	A buffet lunch will be available at the venue
13.30	David Sellers	Welcome back	
13.30 to c14.30	Nik Szymanek	<i>The Road to Modern Astrophotography</i>	The pioneering days of early astrophotographers, up to modern times
c14.30 to 15.30	Kenelm England	<i>Berkshire Astronomers 5000 BC to AD 2018</i>	Some topics on astronomers and observations made from Berkshire since pre-historic times until last week
15.30 to 16.00		AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS	Tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided
16.00 to 17.00	Jonathan Maxwell	<i>Some lesser known aspects regarding the evolution of refracting telescopes: from Lippershey's spectacle lens to the Achromats</i>	An insight into the development of the refracting telescope
17.00	David Sellers	CONCLUSIONS & DISPERSAL	Safe Journey home

Short presentation during the lunch break by Rob Peeling

Rob Peeling found an exciting, long missing item from the Royal Astronomical Society archive, mistakenly placed among the Hartwell Papers when searching for material about Admiral William Henry Smyth at the RAS in January 2018. The observing record he found includes the discovery records of a number of deep sky objects.